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L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL **WILL OPEN NEW ADOPTION CENTER IN ANTELOPE VALLEY**

LANCASTER -- To increase adoptions and help alleviate the overcrowding of animals at the Lancaster Animal Shelter, the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will open its first adoption center in the Antelope Valley.

The "A.V. Pet Stop Adoption Center" is the Department's first offsite adoption facility, made possible by the generous contributions of Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

"This facility will provide a convenient resource for prospective pet owners who are interested in finding a dog in need of a suitable home," said Supervisor Antonovich.

The Adoption Center will open on Friday, September 25, 2009 at 42116 4th Street East, Lancaster, 93535.

The hours of operation are Monday through Saturday
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., closed Sundays and holidays.

The facility currently has the capacity to house 50 adoptable dogs. It will only house dogs that are immediately available for adoption. The dogs will already be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, and ready to go home that same day. Adoptions will be based on a first come, first served basis.

DACC's volunteers will be heavily involved in this new endeavor and will assist potential adopters with the adoption process. The Adoption Center will give potential adopters a more streamlined and personal experience by giving them the option to work with volunteers to help choose a dog that would best fit their lifestyle.

For more information regarding the new adoption center, please contact the A.V. Pet Stop Adoption Center directly at 661-974-8309 or stop by the Lancaster Animal Shelter.

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